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OUR BEST YEAR

In all probability, 1940 was the best year that the churches of the Northern California Conference have had in many a long day. The Year Book figures which have been completed and are being forwarded to the General Council office indicate a gain all along the line. In membership we now have 20,540, an all-time high figure, which represents an increase of nearly 500 in 1940. On confession of faith we received 828, or 69 more than in 1939. The total admitted to membership was 1,620—103 more than a year ago. It is interesting to note that the number of deaths was exactly the same, 228, but the total number of removals was nearly 500 less than a year ago. Average church attendance increased by 1. Sunday School enrollment turned upward, with 11,873, which is a gain of more than 200, and young people's organizations' enrollment jumped 150 to 4,675. Home expenses were $19,000 greater in 1940 than in the year before, and the value of church property shows an increase of $16,000. As indicated in last month's PACIFIC, the regular budgeted benevolences showed a slight increase, but the total apportionment giving, both budgeted and unbudgeted, was $39,242, or a gain of $555. Other gifts, not credited on apportionment, have risen from $5,906 to $8,180. This undoubtedly reflects the appeals for war relief. Of the 99 churches in our Conference, 3 made no report, 17 received no new members. This includes some churches that are inactive or without pastor. Thirty-seven churches received 9 or less; 20 received between 10 and 24; 15 received between 25 and 49; 4 received between 50 and 99, and 3 received more than 100. These three were Fresno Free Cross, Berkeley First, and Sacramento Pioneer.

R. E. CONGRESS

The summer of 1940 was to have seen the World's Sunday School Convention in South Africa, but world conditions made it necessary to cancel these plans. Announcement is now made that a substitute for this world gathering, in the form of an International Congress on Christian Education, will be held in Mexico City, July 16-20, 1941, under the auspices of the World's Sunday School Association.

The program will include all the features of the world's convention—plenary sessions for worship, music, addresses and special features; and sectional conferences for special interest groups. Speakers and conference leaders will include some of the ablest Christian leaders from countries in North and South America, and other parts of the world.

The California Church Council represents the World's Sunday School Association in the organization of the California delegation, which is limited to forty persons. Appointment of delegates will be made by the World's Association, upon nomination from the field. For this reason, persons who desire to attend are advised to communicate as soon as convenient with Dr. Harold V. Mather, Executive Secretary of the California Church Council, Southern Area. His address is 129 W. Second Street, Los Angeles; Telephone: TRinity 9077.

Plans are being completed for an all-expense tour to the convention, including five days of pre-convention sightseeing in and around Mexico City. Full details regarding the tour may be secured through Dr. Mather.

Muriel Lester, well-known social worker, speaker, and leader in worship, a member of the Christian Mission team now in California.

E. Stanley Jones, world renowned missionary, author, and evangelist, leading speaker for the National Christian Mission, now a guest in our midst.

LET US MAKE THE MOST OF IT

This edition of "The Pacific" will reach its readers after the opening of the National Christian Mission, but it is hoped that those who have not availed themselves of the opportunity of attending during the early part of the week will still make the most of the sessions remaining.

Programs are available through the churches. Pastors will be able to give information. E. Stanley Jones, Muriel Lester, Mrs. Jesse M. Bader, Bishops Cushman and Selecman, Albert W. Palmer, Edward Hume, Elmer Homrighausen, Reinhold Niebuhr, and a score of others will speak three or four times a day each. Northern California will be having an unparallelled treat. There will be seminars every afternoon in the First Presbyterian Church, Oakland, and meetings for clergymen in the mornings.

Congregational pastors will have their annual get-together at 12 noon on Thursday, the 13th, at the First Congregational Church of Oakland.

On Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15, there will be a weekend convention for Christian youth. The mass meetings for young people will be at the Tenth Avenue Baptist Church Friday, at 7:30, with E. Stanley Jones as speaker, and the banquet will be held Saturday night, with Murial Lester as speaker. There will be seminars from 9:30 to 5:00 on Saturday.

Following the Christian Mission there will be a period of intensive personal evangelism under the direction and training of Guy Black.

Plans are already under way for the Missionary Education Movement Conference to be held as Asilomar from July 27 to August 1, 1941. It is reported that the committee has secured the services of Dr. Emory Ross, Executive Secretary for the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. Dr. Ross has been a missionary for years in the African Congo, and has served as secretary of the American Board of Lepers. Dr. Ross will give a series of lectures at Asilomar interpreting the missionary task in the world today. Further details concerning the conference will be published at a later date.

OUR NEW AUDITOR

Introducing Mr. George Oefinger, recently elected Auditor for the accounts of the Northern California Congregational Conference. Since the resignation of Mr. C. B. Wingate, who served so faithfully for many years, the committee of the Board of Directors has been in search of a man who would be competent and willing to undertake this work. Mr. Oefinger is a Certified Public Accountant, with offices in the Russ Building, and is a member of our San Mateo Church.

SOCIAL ACTION AND WORSHIP

"The discipline of life leads to fellowship with God. God's partnership in daily living makes happy sacraments of common tasks, if we have discovered understanding in vital private prayer. Our past Protestant prayer technique does not seem adequate today. We can never effectively go back to 'canned' prayers and our young people revolt at the emotional excesses that are sometimes called religion. This is why our young people have been pioneering in trying to undergird our social outlook with adequate devotional life. Our church school is crudely 'high church.' This crudeness is an essential part of its reality for high finish too often indicates veneer instead of a living, growing, flowering, fruit-bearing tree. Our altars must not be so expensive as to be unchangeable. Someone has said that churches should be rebuilt every ten years so that they might fit the changing needs of their people instead of conforming to the dead hands of the past. We outgrow the things that help us grow. Our young people will probably outgrow their present use of candles and Symbols. . . . God grant that they may always have some way of objectively linking social action with bending knees and worshipping hearts. No church can survive without continually taking its children back to primitive views and toys."—Rev. Wilfred Withington, in the February issue of "Social Action," which is devoted to the work being done by our Santa Rosa Church.

LAYMEN'S SCHOOLS SUCCESSFUL

The Laymen's School of Churchmanship Number One held at the Pacific School of Religion on Sunday, February 18, was of great interest to those who attended and a credit to the committee that planned it. There were ninety registrants, coming from twenty-five churches. President McGiffert opened the School with a devotional address and Rev. Charles E. Ward of Redwood City closed the afternoon session with a simple but persuasive appeal to laymen to stand by their churches.

There were four discussion groups, one for trustees with an enrollment of 29, one for deacons with 28 in attendance, one for Sunday School workers and another for young people's workers, each with 14. Summaries were given to the joint session, indicating that there was great interest in each group but not time enough for discussion of the various problems.

At the Laymen's School of Churchmanship Number Two, in Sacramento, on March 2, there were thirty-nine in attendance. Several churches were prevented from sending delegates by storm conditions. Professor Harry Tyler of Sacramento Junior College gave the morning devotional address, the remainder of the program being the same as in Berkeley, with Mr. Galen Fisher, Field Secretary Sherman, and Superintendent Gill speaking. In the afternoon there were three discussion groups, with Prof. Robert E. Stone, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Field Secretary Sherman, Mr. Jack Dennison, Mr. George Linn, and Superintendent Gill in charge. Rev. Torrance Phelps gave the closing message.

Mr. George B. Martin, chairman, presided on both occasions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 9-16—Christian Mission in Bay Area.
April 13—Easter.
July 27-August 1—Missionary Education Movement Conference, Asilomar.
October 17-19—Annual Meeting, Northern California Congregational Conference, Stockton.

Suggested Schedule of Association meetings:

April 18—San Joaquin, at Tulare.
April 22—Santa Clara, at Saratoga.
April 23—Redwood Empire, at Sonoma.
April 24—Upper Bay, at Martinez.
April 25—Central, at Stockton.
April 29—Bay, at Berkeley Park Church
April 30—Sacramento Valley, at Oroville.

THE FISKES GO TO L. A.

Rev. and Mrs. R. C. M. Fiske have closed their work in the educational department of First Congregational Church, Oakland, and have gone to Los Angeles. Mr. Fiske will be associated with Rev. James W. Fifield, having in charge the "colonies"—the groups of First Church members that are living in various neighborhoods throughout the Los Angeles area and beyond. The Fiskes made many friends during their five years in Northern California, at Pacific School of Religion, at the Arlington Avenue Fellowship House, and at the First Church, Oakland. They have both been active in Conference affairs, Mrs. Fiske being a member of the Committee on Religion in Higher Education and Mr. Fiske a member of the Religious Education Committee and the director of the last Midwinter Pilgrim Fellowship Conference.

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I BELIEVE IN NATIONAL DEFENSE

I believe in National Defense against racial antagonisms which weaken that social solidarity essential to a healthy nation.

I believe in National Defense against the persecution of minorities, because such persecution is detrimental to the preservation of our democratic heritage.

I believe in National Defense against State coercion of the individual's conscience, because such coercion destrovs the character foundations of our Nation.

I believe in National Defense against those who use Patriotism as a cloak in order to reap profits from the present tragic world suffering.

I believe in National Defense against an economic system which lacks sufficient opportunity for the young, makes possible an army of millions of unemployed, and lacks adequate security for the old.

I believe in National Defense against the liquor traffic which is fast making us the most drunken country in the world.

I believe in National Defense against political demagogues and all vested interests which tamper in any way with those rights of freedom of speech, press, and assemblage as guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

I believe in National Defense against the futile faith that a strong army and navy is all that is needed to preserve and perpetuate that cherished freedom for which our forefathers so valiantly struggled.

I believe in National Defense against the reduction of the Church of Christ from its universal function in the affairs of all mankind everywhere, to a time-server within the narrow confines of pagan nationalism.

I believe in National Defense against all those forces and influences which in any way hinder our country from being used of God to fulfill His holy and ultimate purpose to make the Christ spirit prevail in the relationships of mankind everywhere.

I believe in National Defense against any "ism" harmful to human personality which under God, is sacred.

(By President William Lindsay Young, of Park College, Moderator, 152nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.)

—Quoted from The Watchman.

TULARE. "Fellowship of Prayer" booklets have been distributed to the entire congregation as part of a Lenten emphasis upon spiritual discipline. The pastor, Rev. A. L. Rice, is preaching a series of Lenten sermons on "Things Unshaken and Unshakable." He is also meeting each Sunday morning with a preparatory class of young people. Monthly church night suppers are much enjoyed occasions of fun and good fellowship.

FRESNO, FREE CROSS. Since the coming of Rev. B. H. Kissler last summer, departments of the church have taken on new life. Attendance has increased in the morning services and Sunday School. Once a month preaching service is in English. Many curtains have been installed in order to give privacy for Sunday School classes.

BEGINNINGS

The columns below speak for themselves. In the first report after the opening of the new year on January 11, there is a small increase in 1941 giving over 1940, but the amounts are so small as to be of little significance in forecasting the year. A much larger number of churches will be heard from during March, which is the closing month of the fiscal year of the Conference. The cooperation of treasurers and ministers in sending remittances during or at the end of March, will be of the very greatest possible assistance in closing the year without a deficit.

	Jan. 11 to Feb. 28 1941	Jan. 11 to Feb. 28 1940
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Auburn	60.00	.....
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Cloverdale	11.31	3.04
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Crockett	15.99	.....
Etna	6.85	.....
Eureka	50.82	76.56
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Hayfork	.....	10.00
Loomis	.....	4.00
Martinez	27.00	38.64
Murphy	81.00	.....
Oakland, Pilgrim	6.00	3.00
Plymouth	88.33	93.89
Oroville	6.35	.....
Pacific Grove	26.91	16.40
Palo Alto	.....	293.00
Paradise	.....	50.00
Penngrove	.....	2.50
Petaluma	69.50	.....
Pittsburg	22.40	33.21
Porterville	10.00	.....
Redwood City	20.00	.....
Ripon	.....	26.53
Sacramento	.....	44.19
Salida	5.00	.....
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Bethany Mission Park	31.73	.....
First	724.68	62.30
San Jose	60.00	105.00
San Leandro	27.44	8.01
San Mateo	5.00	.....
Santa Cruz	90.00	50.00
Santa Rosa	38.00	34.80
Sebastopol	21.00	24.81
Sonoma	15.00	15.00
Stockton	.....	37.07
Suisun	38.67	.....
Sunol	25.00	.....
Weaverville	.....	18.00
Reno, Nevada	58.79	47.67
Miscellaneous	34.00	.....
	$2,769.09	$2,301.62

DR. HOPKINS AUTHOR OF OUTSTANDING BOOK

Northern California Congregationalists will be greatly interested to learn of the publication of the book, "The Rise of the Social Gospel in American Protestantism," by Charles Howard Hopkins. Dr. Hopkins is on the faculty of the College of the Pacific, is a member of our Stockton Church, and recently appeared before the Committee on Ministerial Standing and was approved by them. He will be welcomed into the State Conference in October, for standing by transfer from the Baptist denomination. Dr. Dwight J. Bradley thinks so much of the book that he wrote a two-column review for "The Christian Century," which appeared in the February 5th issue, and also a statement concerning it in the February issue of "Social Action," from which we quote:

"I declare without hesitation that for anyone seriously interested in Christian social action as a civilization-shaping factor, Dr. Hopkins' book is required reading. If you wish to know the actual historical background for the forming of the Council for Social Action, you will find it here. And here you can refresh your mind with vivid personal characterizations of Rauschenbusch, Graham Taylor, Washington Gladden, Josiah Strong, and a score more of American social prophets from the days when the social gospel went in spiritual covered wagons with moral pioneers across the wastes of a ruthlessly rising industrial civilization." The book is published by Yale University Press at the price of $3.00.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING
for Church School Teachers and other Leaders is a primary concern of your
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

I. A series of Christian Leadership Institutes is being sponsored in different areas, including Martinez in February, and Santa Rosa, March 7th. Invitations are in order for other areas. Your Committee looks forward to holding six such institutes next year, within reasonable distance of every church school leader!

II. Cooperate with interdenominational training institutes where these are held and are adequate.

III. Set up a training program by and for your own church school staff, at your regular monthly meetings, using Standard Leadership Courses (from Internat. Council of R. E.), or a book such as Robert Seneca Smith's "New Trails for the Christian Teacher," or problems from the teachers' own experience.

IV. Look toward a long-range program of training by individuals to assure a qualified "teaching ministry" in our churches.

For further inquiries, write the R. E. Committee, c/o Conference office.

REV. JAMES E. ENMAN

Rev. James E. Enman, very well known to ministers and many laymen in Northern California, passed away at the Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley on Friday, February 21, at the age of 73. Mr. Enman's death was wholly unexpected; his health had been reasonably good, and he had gone to the hospital for what he and his physicians thought was a minor operation; but he did not survive.

He was born in Prince Edward Island, Canada, graduated from Boston University, attended Harvard, and in his later years was a faithful student at Pacific School of Religion. Most of his active ministry was in New England, where he served a number of churches, among them Congregational churches at Magnolia and at Fall River, Massachusetts. He served in churches in Southern California, at Ogden, Utah, at the Dixon Community Church, the Sonoma Congregational Church, and at Ceres. He did a great deal of supply preaching after taking up residence in Berkeley, when trouble with his eyes prevented his taking a regular pastorate. He was president of the Bay Congregational Ministerial Fellowship, and at the time of his death was the Registrar of the Bay Association.

His widow, Mrs. Gertrude L. H. Enman, and a daughter, Mrs. John Thomas of Norwalk, California, survive him, as does a brother, David Enman of Seattle, Washington.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Vere V. Loper and Rev. John Wright Buckham.

Mr. Enman was a sincere and faithful minister. He was brotherly and cooperative. He was meticulous in his attention to his obligations. He was always cordial, and had an inexhaustible fund of humor and illustrative anecdotes. Since his retirement from the active ministry some years ago, he has taken his place as a faithful and effective layman in First Congregational Church of Berkeley.

SALIDA. Mr. Lewis Presnall, who served as pastor until stricken with infantile paralysis, is much improved and the doctors have permitted him to get about in a wheel-chair. The church has decided to continue with him as their leader, at least until the first of June. Attendance at the Sunday School has increased and all departments of the work are showing the effect of the great loyalty of the people.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. The Pilgrim Fellowship, under the leadership of the high school coach, put on a Sunday evening service at Murphys on February 16. During the first thirteen days of February Rev. John G. Dickey made 43 calls over his territory, but illness following a funeral during a terrible rainstorm interrupted the work during the last half of the month. The library at Angels Camp church is open each Friday afternoon. Boy Scout Sunday was observed at Murphys, Angels Camp, and White Pine.

ANTIOCH. The official boards of the church have all been organized and are active. The first Sunday of March was "family day." The Church School is awarding Goodspeed's Junior Bibles to all who pass a knowledge and memory test. Mrs. C. W. Keeney has been honored by being made a life deaconess. Rev. W. R. Steininger, the pastor, is inviting his people to suggest sermon subjects, particularly those that deal with confusing problems.

SANTA CRUZ. A union preaching mission, participated in by nearly all ministers of the city, was held in this church. A beautiful hammered copper seven-branch floor candelabra has been presented to the church in memory of May Linscott Williamson, who was a member of the church for fifty years. Music for the choir, and dining room equipment have been provided by the Evening Guild. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

PARLIER. This church has been without a regular pastor for more than a year and has called Rev. N. K. Hachian. A friendly visitation was made the first week of March by Rev. H. K. Khachadourian of San Francisco and Superintendent Gill.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. The fund for moving the building grows slowly, being increased in March through the means of a turkey dinner. Rev. Augustine Jones of Palo Alto was the speaker. Rev. Harvey Miller is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY ARMENIAN. Rev. H. K. Khachadourian is back at his task after many weeks of absence due to an accident which he suffered. The services of the church have been cared for by visiting ministers.

FRESNO, FIRST. This church has extended Rev. Norman Henderson's leave of absence until June so that he may be entirely free from the labors and anxieties of the parish.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BERKELEY, PARK. The first week of March marks the 10th anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Tom Watt. A decade ago Park Church was on the point of closing. A survey of the neighborhood was made, following which a council of East Bay churches was called. Upon hearing the report, the council voted to advise the church to go forward and the Conference to continue missionary aid. Mr. Watt, who had been pastor of the Community Church at Williams, was called. During these years he has built himself into the life of the entire community, not to say the whole City of Berkeley. His influence has been beyond calculation upon the lives of a large number of young people. His youth work has been through the medium of church music and week-night social activities. The anniversary service was held Sunday, March 2, and the dinner on March 5. All of the young people who have served in the various choirs are being invited to return to help honor their beloved pastor.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. The Church School staff is complete, including a number of very good teachers. Rev. Pierson Parker of the North Church spoke to a teachers' meeting on "Teaching Values of the Bible." A Church School choir has been formed, and a very fine worship service planned by Mr. and Mrs. Herb Dimock, the directors. The house is used by the Scouts, the Women's Club, Parent Education class, the Brownies, Cubs, and a Red Cross sewing group. A Flower Arrangement class will soon be meeting there.

SAN FRANCISCO, CITY TEMPLE. On a recent Sunday, six new members were received into fellowship. A fund has been started for a new church carpet. The church was host to the annual meeting of the Bay Association and also to a great dinner welcoming Bishop James C. Baker home from the Orient. World Day of Prayer service, under the auspices of the San Francisco Church Federation, was held in this church. Rev. E. A. Lowther and Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, pastors, alternate not only in preaching but in the Men's Forum at 9:50 on Sundays.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The Occidental College Men's Glee Club will sing on Palm Sunday. As the fiscal year of the United Church draws near, plans for a parish canvass are going forward. That Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, the pastor, and his people are busy is indicated by a perusal of the calendar of events, which lists announcements for every day but two between February 21 and March 7, and most of those dates had several appointments.

FAIRFAX. A parents' night in the Church School was held on February 21, when the children's parents had a chance to meet the Church School teachers. Mrs. W. B. Buckham of Oakland was the speaker. The pastor, Rev. William W. Meyer, has been active in organizing a county ministers' fellowship and in planning a religious education institute at Santa Rosa.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Four members were received on confession of faith on March 2. A very fine church get-together with guests and friends was held on February 19. The church has purchased a combination radio, phonograph, and public address system for use both in the church services and on social occasions. Rev. J. B. Orr is pastor.

SEBASTOPOL. Rev. George E. Atkinson has undergone an operation, and will be out of his pulpit for two or three weeks, but Mrs. Atkinson reports that he is doing nicely.

MARTINEZ. After fourteen years of effort this church is free from debt and the mortgage to the Building Society was burned at a celebration dinner the night of February 28. There was a delightful program of music. Greetings were expressed by letter or in person by former pastors, Rev. N. F. Sanderson and Rev. Harvey Miller being present and participating. A history of the church was given by Ralph R. Arnold, a brief message by the pastor, Rev. Verdette Walters, and the address of the evening was made by Superintendent Gill. The church is now engaged in gathering information regarding an organ. Young people are in charge of Sunday evening services during Lent. The pastor is conducting a class for youth. Baptisms and reception of members will take place on Palm Sunday.

TRINITY COUNTY. Bad weather has seriously interfered with work at Hayfork and Lewiston. Sunday evening forums at Weaverville have drawn good congregations, and local laymen have given interesting discussions of various topics. The pastor, Rev. P. N. Bennett, is planning a class in preparation for church membership, and several services will be held during Holy Week. The Sunday School is growing. Mr. Bennett is a member of the Rotary Club, of the County Board of Public Health, and of the Committee on County Home Defense. He recently preached to 170 boys at a CCC camp.

EUREKA. Through the courtesy of a local printing house the church is now privileged to have a weekly printed bulletin. Four new members were received the first Sunday of February. "Young Christians and Their Church" is the topic studied in several Sunday School classes, intended as a preparation for uniting with the church. Preliminary steps have been taken toward increasing the capacity of the building, particularly for Sunday School purposes. Rev. C. H. Hudson is pastor.

PITTSBURG. During Lent on Monday evenings the pastor, Rev. E. W. Benedict will lead in the study of Fosdick's "A Guide to the Understanding of the Bible." The Lord's Prayer will be used as a basis for Sunday morning sermons, the themes being "Desire for Security," "An Attitude of Gratitude," "The Urge Behind the Will," "The Base of Supply," "Set the Prisoner Free," "The Gift of Guidance," and "Easter — Spectator or Sharer."

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Mr. Byron Eshelman, who has been pastor for about two years, will soon announce his resignation in order that he may do some research work in Illinois during the summer, and enter Yale Divinity School in the fall. A series of church fellowship programs are being held for the purpose of re-roofing the social hall. A new Bible Class is being organized.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. Easter visitation is planned, with members of the church volunteering to visit two new families a week. Mrs. Alice Bullard, who has been director of religious education, is to become girls' work secretary at Potrero Hill Neighborhood House in San Francisco. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

ALAMEDA. Rev. Gail Cleland has been given the rank of lieutenant-colonel and is located at Camp MacArthur. Professor James Muilenburg is preaching at the morning service each Sunday and Rev. Robert Cleland now occupies the parsonage and is caring for all parish matters.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Rev. V. V. Loper, pastor of this church, is to give a course on the work of the parish minister at Pacific School of Religion during the spring quarter. His sermons during Lent are under the general theme, "The Liberal Examines His Faith." He will discuss the problems "of God," "of Miracles," "of Prayer," "of the Bible," "of Man," "of Suffering," and "of Immortality." The Interchurch Hour, which is under the auspices of several Berkeley churches and organizations, is now presenting Berkeley pastors. On Wednesday evenings during Lent, the study book, "The Psychology of Christian Personality," by Ligon, is followed; and on Thursday mornings at 11, "The Prophet Jeremiah and His Work." Dr. Loper also has a pastor's training class for young people at 10 on Sundays.

PORTERVILLE. The first Lenten service showed a gain of one-third in attendance. The sermon subjects being used by Rev. John H. Gregg, pastor, are on the general theme, "Sources of Power." The subjects are singularly brief and suggestive: "Design for Living," "Light from Within," "Secret of Success," "Clue to Happiness," "Courage for Today," "Victory in Defeat," and "Hope for Tomorrow." Two hundred fifty booklets, giving Dr. Goodspeed's translation of the Sermon on the Mount, and 250 copies of the "Fellowship of Prayer" have been distributed. A "British War Relief" concert was given by the choir.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. The Women's League has arranged for three book reviews by Mrs. James E. Wales of Berkeley, one each on the third Friday of February, March, and April. Through the Community Service Committee a consulting psychologist will be available each Wednesday afternoon. The church and the minister, Rev. Robert W. Inglis, plan to take full advantage of the interdenominational visitation under the leadership of Guy Black, following the Christian Mission.

OAKLAND, FIRST. At the annual meeting of the Women's League it was reported that members had made 2280 calls, besides 1075 by the church visitor. Five hundred garments have been made and given to worthy causes. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, has prepared special services for Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings in Lent. His themes will all be based on selections from the Book of John. On Palm Sunday evening the choir will give the "Seven Last Words," by Dubois.

SOQUEL. "Parish News," a mimeographed news sheet, in attractive cover, is to carry the announcements of the church to members and constituents. An intermediate group of young people is in the process of organization. Especial attention is given by the pastor, Rev. T. Davis Preston, to the Church School. A conference on religious instruction is held each Tuesday evening.

STOCKTON. A teacher training institute on four Wednesday nights in March is planned, to which leaders from nearby Congregational churches will be invited. Attendances at the regular services of worship have been very fine since the completing of the new sanctuary. Rev. Noel J. Breed, the pastor, has been giving a series of sermons on the Prophets.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. The young people of this church continue to put out their mimeographed newspaper, "Et Cetera," twice a month. It is full of news, announcements, fine sentiments, quotations, and humor. Dr. B. C. Wong is pastor.

REDWOOD CITY. The Plymouth Guild is the largest organization in the city sewing for the Red Cross. The Junior Guild has refitted the church social rooms and studies with drapes, and supports a Boy Scout troop. The Deacons Dinner, for men and boys, was very successful. At its mid-month meeting, the Women's Guild reviewed the book, "Oliver Wiswell," an indictment of the miseries and stupidities of war. In spite of the illness of the Sunday School superintendent and of stormy weather, the school's progress is encouraging. Six men attended the Laymen's School of Churchmanship, including Peirce Coombes, the lecturer of the Trustees Group, and the pastor, Rev. Charles E. Ward, who delivered the final address.

LODI. Six College of Life (Methodist and Congregational) meetings are being held. Prof. George Colliver of Stockton leads all high school and intermediate youths on "What It Means to Be a Christian"; Rev. H. K. Hamilton leads the young adults on "The Life of Jesus," and Rev. A. R. Boone is using the Book of Job with the adults.

The minister's Sunday morning sermons are on the general theme, "The Kingdom of God." Friendly visits will be made by members of the church. There will be a united preaching mission the week before Easter under the leadership of Rev. J. A. Andrews. The church is uniting with Ripon and Stockton in a weekly institute of teacher training.

RIO VISTA. More than 80 persons attended the annual meeting and dinner, where reports revealed that the church had reached all of its objectives in the Program of Progress. There was a balance in the treasury in spite of greater financial obligation. The Ladies' Aid has provided new vestments for the choir and new carpet, hangings, and chair coverings. The "Fellowship of Prayer" has been used and the church has cooperated in Brotherhood Week. Rev. Victor H. Morgan is pastor.

SAN MATEO. For years there has been a Japanese Sunday School meeting in the building, but now they meet for class work at the same time as the regular Sunday School. They join in the exercises of all departments, but have a closing assembly of their own. All four choirs of the church are rehearsing for Palm Sunday and Easter. Rev. Sidney Buckham is pastor.

PETALUMA. Rev. T. T. Giffen is following the general theme for Sunday mornings during Lent of "The Supremacy of the Spiritual." Rev. M. G. Papazian gave the address on the first Wednesday night of Lent. On other Wednesday evenings, the group will study the book, "They Shared His Passion," by Poteat.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

The next regular meeting of the Federation, with reports, addresses, and other business, will be held on the third Thursday of March, which will be March 20, at the First Congregational Church in Oakland.

FEBRUARY ECHOES

As stated in last month's PACIFIC, there was no general meeting of the Federation in February. In place of this, the various Associations have had a treat in meeting with Mrs. E. E. McClintock, Secretary of Women's Work on the Missions Council, whom many of us met at the time of the General Council in August. The dates of these Association meetings were given in the February PACIFIC. The editor had hoped that there might be some report from them in the present issue, but most of them were not held until too late for this.

THE BUDGET

The newly-organized Executive Board held a business meeting on the twentieth of February, looking toward the work of the coming year. The budget for 1941 was presented by Mrs. C. T. Tinker, Chairman of the Finance Committee, discussed and adopted. The total estimated income was $833.22; the total estimated expenses amounted to $833.00. That is close planning. The time of the Spring Meeting was also very fully discussed. It was finally decided to keep it to the third Thursday in April, as usual. The place will be settled in the March general meeting of the Federation. We should be glad for an invitation.

THE THANK OFFERING

The Thank Offering came in for considerable discussion, also. There must be a number of changes in the objects toward which we work. Our dear Mrs. Leonard Wilbur having returned with her children to this country, we were faced with the need for a new foreign project. You will remember that by a vote taken at the Annual Meeting in January, the women expressed their desire to keep that project in China, and to make it an institution or institutions, rather than a person. In accordance with that vote, the Executive Board voted that the proportion of the next Thank Offering allocated to the foreign field should be sent to three hospitals—one at Taiku, already dear to us, one at Tehchow (the Williams-Porter Hospital), and one at Lintsing, all at present served by our own Dr. Alma Cooke. For the Home Missions field, in place of the fund for Tillotson College to which we contributed last year, it was voted that we take on a portion of the salary of a nurse in the little, but vitally important, Grants Hospital in New Mexico. This is almost our only work among the Mexican, or Spanish-American, members of our great country; and the territory which Grants Hospital serves is out of all proportion to the size of the institution. Dr. James Cornelius is the Superintendent in charge, and his wife is a tireless assistant. The two State projects for our Thank Offering remain unchanged, though under different leadership: the work in Trinity County, now carried on under the leadership of Rev. P. N. Bennett, and that among the boys and girls in the district served by Grace United Church, whose pastor is now Rev. Donald Gaylord.

PURPOSE OF THANK OFFERING

In addition to the fields to which our offerings should go, there was a very earnest plea that we should remember the original purpose of the thank offering, as indicated by its name. It is the "extra mile." It is not apportionment, nor dues, nor any form of exacted giving. It is an expression of our thankfulness for good things received, of which, surely, we have more in this America of ours than any other place in the world today. And as we reflect on all our causes for thanks, we should also bear in mind the increasing needs of all these fields. Let us, indeed, give, not grudgingly nor of necessity, but full measure, pressed down and running over.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU

The women in the churches who wish speakers for any occasion are asked to clear through the Speakers' Bureau. Write Mrs. L. B. Williams, P.O. Box 378, Ajax Place, Berkeley. If you wish any one in particular, tell her; if not, let her know what especial subject you have in mind. Do not wait until the last moment. That is not fair either to Mrs. Williams or to any speaker she might get.

NEW OFFICERS

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MARTINEZ PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

On the first anniversary of the organization of the senior group of Pilgrim Fellowship in the Martinez church, a junior high Pilgrim Fellowship was launched. Six new members were received into the senior group at a special initiation and twenty-three were present for the new organization.

FRESNO, ZION. Rev. J. N. Sauer, pastor, and his people are filled with joy and anticipation because of a new organ which has been ordered and will soon be installed. The instrument chosen is an Orgatron, costing in the neighborhood of $1700. The church has all but completed the payments on its obligation to the Building Society.

FRESNO, PILGRIM ARMENIAN. Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian will begin his work on Sunday, March 9. His family, which has been en route about three months from the Near East on a Dutch steamship, is expected to arrive almost any day.

The annual convention of the Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor societies of the German churches will be held at Fresno, Zion Church, on Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4.

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